

William Berkeley Lewis to Andrew Jackson, June 29, 1831, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

MAJOR WILLIAM B. LEWIS TO JACKSON.

Washington, June 29, 1831.

Genl, The Calhoun oppositionists are at *fault*. They have not been able to make any thing out of the clamour, that was raised at Inghams being compelled to leave the city under the *protection* of an *armed escort* ; and they are trying now, to get on another scent. It is intended to charge you with a want of *candour* , in saying in your letter to Campbell, Smith and others, that it was the first time you had heard of *his* (Inghams) troubles. They say they will be able to prove that you knew, before that, all about the affair between Eaton and Ingham. It is wonderful— *truly astonishing!* that you on Wednesday the 22d (the date of your letter) should know all about that *terrible* affair, when it was only *published* in the Telegraph one day before you wrote! Are they such fools as not to know, or rather such *knaves* as *will not* know, that you had reference *alone* to that *bloody* conspiracy against the life of Mr. Ingham? Major Barry will not leave here before your return. Remember me with kindness to all my friends, and believe me to be, sincerely yours.